

MARIJUANA SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

Component: 40.30.560

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Marijuana Suppression Program (MSP) was initially authorized by Chapter 1563, Statutes of 1985, to provide financial assistance to counties experiencing substantial problems with marijuana eradication. Since 1990, this program has been funded under the federal block grant to California, known as the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. A majority of these funds are utilized by projects under the Anti-Drug Abuse Enforcement Program. The JAG program funds grants for the purpose of enforcing state and local controlled substances laws and to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system with emphasis on serious and violent offenders.

The MSP is a multi-faceted, year-round enforcement operation investigating, arresting, and prosecuting cultivators and traffickers. Under this program, the participating counties will:

- minimize marijuana availability through investigations, crop destruction, and arrests;
- prosecute marijuana cultivators and traffickers;
- deter cultivation in potential growing areas; and
- seize and initiate forfeiture proceedings of perpetrator assets.

Due to the reduction in 2008 federal funds, it was necessary to suspend the MSP. However, the program was reinstated for FY 09/10 as a competitive program to establish new MSP teams throughout California. Approval to reinstate the MSP was received in August of 2009 and a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released in October of 2009. Applications were received and eight counties will receive awards of up to \$275,000 for a one-year period.

FUNDS AWARDED

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Types of Funding</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>
FY 2008/09	Program was suspended July 1, 2008	\$ 0
FY 2009/10	Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FFY 2009	\$ 2,200,000
FY 2010/11		Unknown

2008/09 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

No statistics are available due to the MSP program being suspended for FFY 2008.

2009/10 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available

2010/11 PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

Not Available